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Observer status for the International Olympic Committee in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Olympic Committee in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly at the request of Italy.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 18 September 2009, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 6th and 10th meetings, on 12 and 15 October 2009. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/64/SR.6 and 10).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 14 July 2009 from the Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/64/145).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/64/L.5

5. At the 6th meeting, on 12 October, the representative of Italy, on behalf of Belarus, Belgium, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Honduras, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Peru, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States of America, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer

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status for the International Olympic Committee in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/64/L.5). Subsequently, Brazil, Chile, Cuba, Estonia, Finland, Ireland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Madagascar, Morocco, the Russian Federation, Switzerland, Togo and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At its 10th meeting, on 15 October, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/64/L.5 without a vote (see para. 7). The representatives of Egypt, Argentina, China, Iran (Islamic Republic of) and Pakistan spoke in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution (see A/C.6/64/SR.10).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the International Olympic Committee in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Olympic Committee,

1. *Decides* to invite the International Olympic Committee to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.